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## **Fresh/Chilled Equine Semen to Canada**

### **Download the file needed to get your animal into the country**

- Go to <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals>
- Click on Canada. Select the equine semen category.
- **THE CERTIFICATE MAY NOT BE SIGNED UNTIL AFTER THE SEMEN HAS BEEN COLLECTED!**

### **To expedite processing of the certificate:**

Call USDA for an appointment, 512 383 2411, the day before you ship the semen.

If you are using an express mail delivery service to have your certificate delivered use “**FIRST OVERNIGHT**” for early delivery. Clearly mark the envelope with the words “Chilled Semen to Canada.” All courier deliveries must arrive **before 1:00 pm.**

### **Documents and Information Required by the USDA’s Office**

- A completed, dated, certificate endorsed by an accredited veterinarian.
  - a) Page numbers must be listed on each page. Ex: Pg 1 of \_.
  - b) Address of the veterinarian must be listed on page 2.
- Import permit from Canada (copy acceptable).
- Issuing veterinarian’s phone number.
- Payment method - (Credit Card #, check, money order, or Credit account). Please include a driver’s license number on all checks.
- Fee is \$81 per certificate. **FEES WENT UP ON OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2012**

### **Miscellaneous Information**

- We will fax an endorsed certificate to the Canadian Import Service Center (CISC). Faxes will not be sent to the broker or owner.
- **Keep your tracking number and check with the delivery service to learn when your certificate is delivered and/or when it is picked up.**
- **DO NOT CALL FOR THE STATUS.** USDA personnel will not provide a status of your certificate. The certificate will be completed the day received if all documents are in order and payment is received.
- Our office is open Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Certificates must arrive before **1:00 PM** for same day processing.
- Our address is: USDA, Export Section, 903 San Jacinto Blvd, Room 262, Austin, TX 78701
- For couriers: we are located in the Homer Thornberry Judicial Building, between 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and San Jacinto and Trinity. The entrance is located where 9<sup>th</sup> Street meets San Jacinto Blvd.
- Free parking is not available. Please have coins for a parking meter or pay \$5-\$7 for parking in lots in the area.